

Proposed Letter to State- Restoration of SB1738

Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott

In response to the extensive and lengthy outbreak of red and blue tide the city of Venice has made several proposals concerning the monitoring and reduction of various nutrients into the water system. Through public meetings information has indicated that human impact can have a major impact. We have initiated a program to bring to 100% commercial and residential connection from septic to sewer and to increase the monitoring of discharge into the creeks and streams.

Yet there are over 8,000 private septic tank system that are while adjoining city limits that may have a direct negative impact on the quality of water entering the gulf thus assisting in future outbreaks.

Therefore the city of Venice respectfully request that the State of Florida reinstate SB 1738 and propose a similar bill in the house. This bill which was repealed in 2012 requiring septic tank owners to inspect their systems every five year to guarantee that it is successfully operating and it is not leaking excessive nutrients into the land. Such bills will have a broad impact throughout the state in taking action to restore the quality of water. The leadership of the City of Venice, its staff and community at large desires to work jointly with the State of Florida in setting new standards for water quality

Respectfully and on the behalf of the City of Venice

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